

STATEMENT OF BASIS  
FOR TERMINATION OF LPDES PERMIT  
Amerada Hess Corporation  
SL 18081 No. 1 Well  
LPDES Permit LA0120545  
AI NO. 121670

**THE PERMITTEES ARE:** Amerada Hess Corporation, SL 18081 No. 1 Well involved with the exploration, development, and production of oil and gas within coastal subcategory locations of the State of Louisiana.

**ISSUING OFFICE:** Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ)  
Office of Environmental Services  
Post Office Box 4313  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821-4313

**DATE PREPARED:** January 17, 2006

**LAC 33:IX Citations:** Unless otherwise stated, citations to LAC 33:IX refer to the promulgated regulations listed at Louisiana Administrative Code, Title 33, Part IX.

**40 CFR Citations:** Unless otherwise stated, citations to 40 CFR refer to promulgated regulations listed at Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations revised in accordance with the dates specified at LAC 33:IX.4901, 4903, and 2301.F.

**1. PERMIT STATUS**

**A. Reason For Permit Action:**

Termination of existing Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (LPDES), LA0120545 following the regulations at LAC 33:IX.2907.A.4, LAC 33:IX.2907.A.5, and LAC 33:IX.6505.D.

In the letter received November 16, 2005, Amerada Hess Corporation requests termination of LPDES Permit No. LA0120545. Amerada Hess Corporation contends that since the SL 18081 No. 1 Well is closed (plugged and abandoned), termination of LA0120545 is warranted.

**B. NPDES permit effective date:** N/A  
**NPDES permit expiration date:** N/A  
EPA has not retained enforcement authority.

**C. LPDES permit:** LA0120545  
**LPDES permit effective date:** August 1, 2005  
**LPDES permit expiration date:** July 31, 2010

**D. Application Received:** April 30, 2004

**2. FACILITY INFORMATION**

**A. FACILITY TYPE/ACTIVITY - Oil and Gas Exploration, Development, and Production Operations**

Amerada Hess Corporation, SL 18081 No. 1 Well was an oil and gas exploration, development, and production facility.

**B. LOCATIONS - SL 18081 No. 1 Well, approximately 19.5 miles east of Port Sulphur, Louisiana, in Plaquemines Parish**

**3. RECEIVING WATER**

Breton Sound and associated natural and manmade waters.

**4. TENTATIVE DETERMINATION**

On the basis of preliminary staff review, the Department of Environmental Quality has made a tentative determination to issue notice of termination to terminate LPDES permit LA0120545.

**5. PUBLIC NOTICES**

Upon publication of the public notice, a public comment period shall begin on the date of publication and last for at least 30 days thereafter. During this period, any interested persons may submit written comments on the proposed issuance of the notice of termination and may request a public hearing to clarify issues involved. This Office's address is on the first page of the statement of basis. A request for a public hearing shall be in writing and shall state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing.

Public notice published in:

the local newspaper of general circulation and

the Office of Environmental Services Public Notice Mailing List.